

**REMARKS**

Applicants amend the specification to address minor formal matters, such as introducing appropriate section headers. Applicants also amend the claims to remove multiple dependencies, to provide proper antecedent basis, and to address other matters of form. The foregoing amendments introduce no new matter and are not related to issues of patentability.

Entry of the foregoing Preliminary Amendment is respectfully in order and requested.

If there are any questions regarding the amendments to the application, we invite the Examiner to call Applicants' representative at the telephone number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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**VERSION TO SHOW MARKINGS WITH CHANGES MADE**

**In the Specification**

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~~HEARING AID~~ AUDITORY TREATMENT DEVICE

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The invention relates to an auditory treatment device according to the preamble of Claim 1 for correcting hearing impairments.

**In the Claims:**

**Please amend claims 1-11 as follows:**

1. (Amended) A ~~T~~treatment device for correcting impairments to hearing, comprising an essentially cylindrically shaped housing formed of metal, the housing having a battery compartment ~~as well as~~ and a sound exit opening, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the housing completely surrounds and shields ~~the~~ an electronics unit located therein ~~the treatment device (1)~~ against electromagnetic waves, ~~and that the housing (2) has an essentially cylindrical shape.~~
2. (Amended) The ~~T~~treatment device according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the battery compartment ~~(7)~~ has comprises a watertight seal from the rest of the housing ~~(2).~~
3. (Amended) The ~~T~~treatment device according to claims 1 or 2, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the sound exit opening ~~(5)~~ is sealed by an acoustically transmitting, watertight film.

4. (Amended) The treatment device according to one of the foregoing claims claim 2, characterized in that a wherein the sound exit opening (4) is provided in the housing (2), which opening is sealed by an acoustically transmitting, watertight film.

5. (Amended) The treatment device according to one of the foregoing claims claim 1, characterized in that wherein the housing (2) has two sections (2a, 2b), the comprises a first housing component (2b) with the battery compartment (7) being screwed fastened together with another a second housing component (2a) and an O-ring seal (3) being located in the screw section therebetween.

6. (Amended) The treatment device according to one of the foregoing claims claim 1, characterized in that wherein the treatment device (1) is free of external moving operating elements.

7. (Amended) The treatment device according to one of the foregoing claims claim 1, characterized by a wherein the housing (2) is composed of titanium or a titanium alloy.

8. (Amended) The treatment device according to one of the foregoing claims claim 1, characterized in that further comprising retaining means are provided in the battery compartment (7) to fix the position of the a battery therein.

9. (Amended) The treatment device according to claim 8, characterized in that wherein the battery compartment further comprises a hole (9) of small diameter is located in the battery compartment (7) such that the small hole (9) allows for allowing external access to the battery.

10. (Amended) The treatment device according to claim 8, characterized in that wherein the retaining means are designed as comprise a magnet.

11. (Amended) The treatment device according to claims 9 and 10, characterized in that wherein the magnet is designed as comprises a ring magnet (8), and wherein the

battery compartment comprises a hole for allowing external access to the battery, the hole  
~~(9)~~ exiting into ~~the~~ a center recess of the ring magnet (8).